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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1626

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FOR: Coupling Reactions Useful in the Preparation of (1H-Tetrazol-5-yl) biphenyl Derivatives

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Response to Office Action

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2009. A 3-month extension of time petition is included herewith. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.